Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Does the Government know that the bridging up of the Connolly canal is more useful to the Government? The recommendation of the Road Committee was to connect Cranganur with Pulloot. It has not been acted upon, although it is 5 years since the Committee was appointed. My supplementary question must be considered, whether the connection should be to Pulloot and then again to Karupadanna or any other place.

President.—This appears to be a rather impossible scheme; the connection to Pulloot and then again to Karupadanna. The British District and Taluk Boards must co-operate, and thenwe would require only half the contribution. They must metal their part of the road.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Have the Government received any communication from the Ponnani Taluk Board ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—In 1915, i. e., during the time of the Great War, due to increase in population, there was some correspondence on the subject. They wanted to have a road from Alla to Katamturutti, and after the war, when there was no distress, the whole thing was dropped. I remember that a portion of the road was constructed through the Cranganur Chief's land, without paying compensation for land and without his previous sanction. There was even a proposal to file a suit against the Secretary of State for India. The scheme was considered to be much cheaper.

President.—Whatever may be the past correspondence, I can assure you that, provided that British Taluk and District Boards give half the cost of the construction of the road, we are prepared to undertake the work.

The isolation of Cranganur.

505. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they know that the isolation of Cranganur works detrimentally to the progress of the Taluk; (b) will the Government be pleased to state whether they will be pleased to enquire into the whole question?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar—(a) No. (b) This does not arise, as the present arrangement works very satisfactorily.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—It would seem from the answer that the Government understood me to mean political isolation of Cranganur also. I mean only geographical isolation, and the other part will show that. In view of my explanation, may I know whether the Government has any objection to give a revised answer ?

President.—There is very great inconvenience.

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Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—It is not a matter of convenience but a matter affecting progress.

President.—When you do not have proper communication the progress and improvements must necessarily be affected. If you say that the question has no reference to the political isolation of Cranganur, then also take this answer.

The Vijayan Todu in Cranganur.

506. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon —(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Diwan has visited the Vijayan Todu in Cranganur Taluk during his recent visit in that place, and whether the necessity for protection of its bank and for a foot-bridge over the canal has been represented to him by the inhabitants of that locality

(b) if so, will the Government be pleased to state what action the Government is prepared to take in the matter?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Action is being taken to protect the portions of the Todu lying close to the road leading to the Kottappuram market and to put up a foot-bridge to serve connection between the two sides of the Todu.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon —Do not the Government know that, if the work is not undertaken before the monsoon, a further portion will be destroyed ?

President.—Very likely.

Backward classes.

507. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table:—

i. the number of students to the percentage of the population, of the School Final, Intermediate and B. A. classes in the Educational Institutions of the State;

ii. the number of persons to the percentage of the population who have qualified by those examinations and who are now without any employment;

iii. the number of public institutions out of the whole total (number) in the State to which they are denied admission;

iv. the total distance of public road wherein their entry is prohibited?

Mr. C. Matthai.—

i. School Final	146
Intermediate	40
B. A.	21

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